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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims and specification in this amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

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#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 14, line 12 has been amended as follows:

-- Figure 2: Nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:12) of the senX3 and --

On page 14, line 14 has been amended as follows:

-- sequences: nucleotides 3 to 119 is the open reading frame (ORF) for PgmY amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:19); nucleotides 296 to 1528 is the ORF for the SenX3 amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:20); and nucleotides 1679 to 2362 is the ORF for the RegX3 amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:21). The arrows indicate palindromic sequences. --

On page 14, line 34 has been amended as follows:

-- region between the BCG (IPP) (nucleotides 1516-1689 of SEQ ID NO:12) and M. tuberculosis (IPL) (SEQ ID NO:13) --

On page 14, line 37 has been amended as follows:

open reading frames (ORFs): (1) nucleotides 1525-1602 of SEQ ID NO:12 is the ORF for SEQ ID NO:14 and (2) nucleotides 1602-1679 of SEQ ID NO:12 is the ORF for SEQ ID NO:15. The intercistronic region of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* contains three ORFs: (1) nucleotides 10-87 of SEQ ID NO:13 is the ORF for SEQ ID NO:16, (2) nucleotides 87-164 of SEQ ID NO:13 is the ORF for SEQ ID NO:17, and (3) nucleotides 164-217 of SEQ ID NO:13 is the ORF for SEQ ID NO:18. --

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### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

# Claims 44 and 53 have been amended as follows:

- 44. A nucleotide primer of claim 42 comprising the pair of primers 5' GCGCGAGAGCCCGAACTGC 3' (SEQ ID NO:4) and 5' GCGCAGCAGAAACGTCAGC 3' (SEQ ID NO:5).
- 53. The method of claim 52 wherein the pair of primers are 5' GCGCGAGAGCCCGAACTGC 3' (SEQ ID NO:4) and 5' GCGCAGCAGAAACGTCAGC 3' (SEQ ID NO:5).